

STUDENTS WORK FOR HIGH SCHOOL

CHILDREN FOLLOW LEAD OF LADIES IN LAUDABLE MOVEMENT.

MAKING APPEALS TO LOCAL VOTERS

Urge Men of Columbus and Vicinity to Vote for Bond Issue Next Tuesday.

If the efforts of the ladies and children of Columbus count for anything the election on the proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the erection and equipment of a new high school building, which is to occur next Tuesday, will be carried by a large majority.

The fight for the building originated with the ladies of the Civic League, who have been working for some time to secure the bond issue and these ladies have been joined by students of the public schools, who have entered the campaign with enthusiasm which is characteristic of youth and are urging the citizens to vote for the bond issue not only by verbal appeals but through written communications. These children are sending out letters to the voters of Columbus and its environs, and that they have some strong arguments in favor of the undertaking to bring to bear, and also know how to present their cause in a forceful manner is evinced by the following excerpt from a letter received by a Columbusian:

"A new high school will be a benefit to Columbus. It would bring families here to educate their children, and we would not be ashamed to point it out to strangers, to whom we hesitate to show the buildings now in use."

Surely, if the children of Columbus realize the need of a high school building so fully that they are willing to forego the pleasures and pastimes of youth in order that they may make personal appeals to the citizens to vote for the bond issue these citizens should evince sufficient interest in their welfare to yield to their pleadings.

On yesterday both the teachers and pupils of the public schools carried on an active campaign in behalf of the bond issue. They called on citizens both in the business district and the suburbs, requesting to be allowed to pin on their coats tags bearing the slogan: "I will vote for the high school bonds, wont you?" These requests met with general acquiescence, and the trend of public sentiment seems to indicate that the bond issue will be carried by a handsome majority.

The voting of bonds for the erection of a new high school building does not mean that we are spending money on a luxury. It is not a luxury, but an actual need, and a most urgent one; for, under present conditions, it is impossible to give the boys and girls of Columbus and the contiguous country, the physical and mental training which is necessary to develop them into strong, well educated, self-reliant men and women, who will go out into the world fitted in every way to meet and successfully overcome the many problems and perplexities of twentieth century life.

Which is most precious to you, the few cents you will save by voting against the bond issue or the mental and bodily welfare of your children? Put this question to yourself when you go to the polls next Tuesday, and if, after weighing the matter, you do not decide to vote for a bond issue, the Commercial is disappointed in the high estimate which it has placed upon the citizenship of Columbus.

Longino Visits City.

Ex-Governor A. H. Longino, of Jackson, was a distinguished visitor to Columbus Thursday. There was nothing of a political nature attached to the visit of the former governor, he having merely come here to see his daughter, Miss Annie Ramsey Longino, who is a student at the Industrial Institute and College.

Delivers Illustrated Lecture.

Dr. John N. Mills, of Washington, D. C., traveler, lecturer and publicist, was a visitor to Columbus Friday evening, having delivered a most interesting illustrated lecture to the students of the I. I. and C. Dr. Mills was en route to Washington from Jackson, where he attended the Laymen's meeting. His talk was on "Porto Rico," and was much enjoyed.

CREAMERY PROJECT IS TO BE LAUNCHED

WILL BEGIN BUYING BUTTER FAT FROM FARMERS SOON.

SECURE COLLEGE STREET STAND

Creamery Will be Established As Soon as Local Conditions Warrant It.

Mr. A. H. Taylor, of Okolona, who for some time past has been interested in a scheme to establish a creamery in Columbus, was in the city Friday, and arrangements which will ultimately result in the launching of an enterprise of this character here were completed during his visit.

The company which is backing Mr. Taylor has secured a lease on the building on College street formerly occupied by the Premium Ice Cream Company, and on February 7th will begin buying butter fat thereat. At the outset this butter fat will be shipped to Okolona where it will be transferred into butter, but as soon as the output from 500 cows can be secured the necessary machinery will be purchased and a creamery established here. The output of 500 cows will amount to about 350 pounds of butter fat per day, which is the smallest supply which could be profitably used in the operation of a creamery.

In addition to buying butter fat the company will manufacture a high grade of ice cream. The manufacture of this commodity will begin about March 1, and both the wholesale and retail trade will be supplied.

Mr. Taylor is very much encouraged with the outlook here, and in conversation with a Commercial reporter stated that he did not think it would be long before the local supply of butter fat would be sufficiently large to justify the company in beginning the operation of a creamery here. It behooves local farmers to liberally patronize the new enterprise, for the quicker the requisite amount of butter fat is secured the sooner will be the establishment of the creamery.

As evidence of the fact that the creamery project is to receive liberal support there was a meeting of Lowndes county dairymen at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning which was well attended and at which unbounded enthusiasm prevailed. The principal feature of the meeting was an address by Mr. C. W. Rugg, of Thrasher, Miss., who spoke on "The Creamery from a Patron's Standpoint." Mr. Taylor, who is at the head of the creamery movement also made a short talk, in which he outlined succinctly the policy which he intends to pursue in the management of the plant.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

The annual meeting of the members of the Northeast Mississippi Schoolmasters' Association will be held in April at the A. and M. College, and will probably be attended by several hundred school children and teachers of this city.

Thomas P. Sale, warden of the North Carolina penitentiary, died of apoplexy Friday morning. The attack came half an hour after the warden had superintended the execution of two negroes.

John M. Lynch, assistant superintendent of mails in Chicago, was arrested Thursday on a charge of stealing loose money from the mails. Lynch had been in the service in the postoffice for 15 years, and according to Gen. James E. Stewart, chief of post office inspectors, was one of the most trusted employees.

Elisee Cavillon, of Nimes, France when in September he presented himself to the recruiting station in answer to an enlistment order, was informed that he had been officially dead since 1904, and that he was under arrest for an effort fraudulently to escape military service. He later established the fact that his father had brought about the certification, but even so was unable to escape a two years' prison sentence.

VOTE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL!

If you love your children, or your neighbor's children, go to the polls Tuesday and vote for the school bond issue.

The money will not be indiscriminately or injudiciously spent. Members of the city council are not wedded to any fixed plan, nor have they any specific site in view. They are determined to do what is best for both the taxpayers and the children of the community. The ordinance providing for the bond issue is so worded that the council is empowered to either purchase a site for the building or erect it on ground now owned by the city. This precaution was taken in order that the municipality might not be forced to buy property at an inflated valuation.

The future welfare of the children of Columbus and its environs, your boys and your girls, depends upon your vote Tuesday. See that you vote right, and to vote right means to vote for the bond issue.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION AT INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PICTURES BY MISS McARTHUR TO BE SHOWN TOMORROW NIGHT.

Following the custom of great institutions of learning, the Industrial Institute and College has from time to time given exhibitions of the paintings of reputable American artists, and on Monday evening in the reading room of the main building, the people of Columbus will be given the opportunity to see a collection executed by Miss Betty McArthur, a member of the college faculty and a daughter of Mississippi, of whom we, as Mississippians, should be justly proud.

From the New Orleans Item of recent date, we take the following:

"Where Mountain, Sea and Desert Meet," the title of one of Miss Betty McArthur's paintings in the art gallery at Newcomb College, might well be the title of the entire collection, for they were all made in the valley of the Salton sea, the inland ocean created by the overflow of the Colorado river in 1906, perhaps one of the strangest localities in the world.

"Readers of 'The Winning of Barbara Worth' will find the pictures fit in with peculiar aptness to the description given by the novelist. Miss McArthur spent the summer of 1915 in this strange valley, and has caught the spirit of its weird beauty in water-color, pastel, and oil.

"In a recent letter, Miss McArthur, who has now returned to Mississippi, writes: 'I am glad the sketches proved interesting. They were made in an interesting country. The Salton sea is very deep blue in color as the pictures show. We were two hundred feet below sea level.'"

"Miss McArthur, who is a native of Mississippi, is well known here, as she studied in the Newcomb Art School for a part of two seasons, as well as in the Art Academy, of Cincinnati, in Columbia University, New York, and abroad. She has been teaching applied art in the Industrial Institute and College at Columbus, Mississippi, for a number of years.

"During all that time, the exhibits of arts and crafts made by her pupils have attracted marked attention and won numbers of prizes in the annual exhibitions at the Mississippi State Fair, at Jackson. When, in 1912, the Mississippi Art Association was formed, Miss McArthur was its first vice-president and at its recent exhibition held in Jackson during the fair, she was awarded the first prize, exhibiting there many of the pictures shown here during the past month.

"Besides her landscapes and design work, Miss McArthur is well known as a portrait painter of unusual ability. Her most conspicuous success is her portrait, exhibited for the first time in Jackson last fall, of the late C. H. Alexander, the well-known Mississippi statesman, who was a candidate for governor in 1911. She has painted two remarkably successful posthumous pictures of Mrs. Annie Coleman Peyton, the woman who originated the Industrial Institute and College for girls in Mississippi. The Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs placed one of these paintings in the hall of fame in the capitol at Jackson.

"Portraits of William S. Lemly of C. E. Lewis, 'Miss H.' 'Miss M.' 'Katherine,' and several others have been shown by Miss McArthur in other exhibits. Several of her paintings have been purchased for the permanent collection of the Mississippi Art Association, and others are owned by art lovers in Louisiana and Mississippi. She is a member of the Art Association of New Orleans, and has frequently exhibited in its annual exhibitions."

PROMINENT CONFEDERATE VETERAN CALLED BY DEATH

CAPT. F. M. BELL PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME ON TUSCAROOSA ROAD.

Capt. F. M. Bell, one of the most highly respected citizens in this section, died at his home, seven miles east of Columbus on the Tuscaroosa road, at five o'clock Friday morning. Deceased was 75 years old, and death resulted from a complication of ailments incident to his advanced age.

Capt. Bell was a Confederate veteran, having fought throughout the entire progress of the civil war as a member of the Virginia army which during a large portion of the great internecine struggle was under the immediate command of Gen. Robert E. Lee. He was a brave soldier, and since the close of the war had manifested a keen interest in the Confederate veterans and their welfare.

Deceased is survived by his widow, four daughters, three sons and other further removed relatives. The daughters are Mrs. John Harris, of Steens; Mrs. Lillian Waller, of Meridian, and Misses Annie Maude and Minta Bell, who reside with the family, while the sons are Mr. W. M. Bell, who lives near this city, Dr. Gid Bell, of Canton, Miss., and Mr. J. S. Bell, of Opelika, Ala. One brother, Mr. B. F. Bell, of the Ethelville neighborhood, survives deceased.

Capt. Bell was a conscientious Christian, having for many years been a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and had numerous friends who join the Commercial in extending sympathy in the profound sorrow which his death entails.

The body was interred in Beer-sheba cemetery, the funeral having taken place there at one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Attend church today.

LOWNDES COUNTY PIG CLUB ORGANIZED HERE YESTERDAY

FIRST STATE BANK IS SPONSOR FOR NEW AND ENTHUSIASTIC ORGANIZATION.

Organization of the Lowndes County Boys' Pig Club was effected at a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, and the spacious apartment was crowded to its doors with bright-faced boys from every portion of the county who were eager to join the new club and to participate in benefits accruing from membership therein.

The new club is sponsored by the First State Bank, which institution will furnish each boy who becomes a member money with which to buy a pig. No security will be required, the bank merely taking the boys' undorsed notes for the amounts loaned them and requiring parents and guardians to waive all legal claims to the pigs and their progeny.

An interesting feature of the meeting was a talk by Prof. P. H. Sanders, of the A. and M. College, who has supervision over the boys' pig clubs in Mississippi. Prof. Sanders gave a comprehensive talk, in which he gave timely advice about the selection of pigs, their feeding and general care. At his suggestion the Duroc breed was selected, and the pigs will be delivered to the boys as soon as possible.

Eighty-six boys signed their names to the membership roll, and the organization starts out under most auspicious conditions.

BRANDEIS IS SELECTED AS LAMAR'S SUCCESSOR

PRESIDENT WILSON NAMES BOSTON LAWYER FOR PLACE ON SUPREME BENCH.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today selected Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, to be associate justice of the Supreme Court, to succeed the late Justice Lamar.

Mr. Brandeis' nomination went to the Senate today. It was a surprise everywhere in official circles. Mr. Brandeis had not been mentioned for the vacancy.

Mr. Brandeis is a lawyer who has been much in public life during the last three years, not only in legal work but in various movements for social betterment. He is a Kentucky native and is 60 years of age. He was born and educated at Louisville and later at Harvard University, and in 1878 began practicing law in Boston. He came most notably before the public six years ago through his participation in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation in Congress, in which he was counsel for the forces opposed to Secretary Ballinger and sought his removal. Later he was counsel for the shippers who opposed the general increase in freight rates before the Interstate Commerce Commission, and during the same period he was in the forefront of those who were demanding an investigation of the financial affairs of the New Haven railroad.

He was in 1910 chairman of the board of arbitration which settled the New York Garment Workers' strike. He has written largely and is considered as an authority on public franchises.

At the beginning of President Wilson's administration Mr. Brandeis was expected to get a place in the cabinet. Many leaders expected him to be appointed Attorney General.

Within an hour after the arrival of the nomination in the Senate there were indications that a vigorous fight would be made against confirmation. Some Democratic senators said they would inquire into Mr. Brandeis' politics in view of the fact that the court is now classed as consisting of two Democrats and six Republicans. A member of the judiciary committee, to which the nomination will be referred, said there would be the "biggest kind of a fight" against confirmation.

Building Boats.

Iowa capitalists who have recently become interested in securing mussel shells from the Tombigbee river for the manufacture of buttons, last week gave an order to the Cookeville Veneer Company for 75 boats, which will be used in connection with 40 similar boats now owned by them in collecting mussel shells.

There are now 45 men employed in gathering these shells, and these men are in charge of Mr. E. E. Thomas, who recently moved here from Iowa.

Cotton Market Quiet.

The cotton market was exceedingly dull and quiet yesterday, closing quotations having been from one to three points above those of the previous day.

When the market closed yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 11:30, March futures in New York at 11:33, New Orleans spots at 11:75 and March futures in New Orleans at 11:70. In the local market good middling was quoted at 11.50.

The Central Barber Shop, owned by Mr. T. F. Bursleson, has been repapered and redecorated, and now presents a most attractive appearance.

Attend church today.

TWO BIG PLANTS TO BE ERECTED

LUMBER MILL AND PLANNING CONCERN TO BE BUILT NEAR HERE.

TO BE ON SITE OF TURTLE LUMBER CO.

The Two Plants Will Represent an Investment of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

A deal has been recently consummated whereby Columbus will soon have two new important industrial enterprises, a saw mill and a planing mill, both of which are to be erected on the site now occupied by the plant of the Turtle Lumber Company, which is located about one mile above the city on the Tombigbee river. The plant of the Turtle Lumber Company was, a short time ago, sold to Mr. C. R. Ramson, of Memphis, who will move it to the delta, and the land on which it now stands has been acquired by Messrs. G. M. Flynn and Son, and the Choctaw Lumber Company, both of which concerns will erect industrial plants thereon.

The firm of G. M. Flynn and Son, which is composed of Mr. G. M. Flynn and Mr. Leo Flynn, will erect a lumber mill, while the Choctaw Lumber Company, in which Messrs. Day, Lowery and others are stockholders, will put up a planing mill. The two concerns will represent an investment of about \$15,000, and will form a notable addition to the industrial enterprises of Columbus.

In order to secure adequate transportation facilities, promoters of the new enterprises are endeavoring to induce the Mobile and Ohio railroad company to construct a spur track from the plant of the Cookeville Veneer Company to the point where the new mills are to be erected. With the view of bringing about a consummation of this plan they are induced Superintendent Pigford of the Mobile and Ohio, to come here for a conference with them Friday, and he promised to send a civil engineer here at an early date to make the necessary preliminary survey incidental to the construction of the proposed spur track.

Mary Pickford in "Esmeralda," at Princess Monday, Jan. 31.

The Paramount attraction at the Princess for Monday is the delightful idol of the screen, Mary Pickford, in Frances Hodgson Burnett's famous story, "Esmeralda," produced by the Famous Players' Film Company. It is a delightful, pleasing little story in which "Little Mary" is offered unlimited opportunity and it will surely delight you.

Excellent musical program by the famous Princess orchestra. Admission 10c and 20c.

FRENCH FIGHT FOR TRENCHES CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS

ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ON MOST FRONTS.

London, January 28.—Considerable fighting has taken place along the various war fronts, but there have been no notable changes in the positions of any of the combatants.

In the region of Neuville St. Vaast the French have attacked with hand grenades the positions taken from them by the Germans. Berlin says they were repulsed with heavy losses, although they captured a mine crater.

Paris says two German attacks on the road between Arras and Lens were repulsed, and that a German munition depot was blown up by French artillery.

All along the line from Riga to Bukovina there have been artillery bombardments and an occasional infantry attack by the Russians and the Teutons.

Dispatches from Kiev say the Teutons are making great preparations to stop any attempt at a further advance by the Russians in Galicia. Large quantities of artillery of all calibres are being rushed to this front.

The Italians have reoccupied the heights to the west of Gorizia ground from which they had previously been forced to retire, and have also put down with heavy casualties an Austrian attempt to advance in the upper Isonzo region.

TO SPEND \$173,000 ON PUBLIC ROADS

WILL COMPLETE ROUTE OF JACKSON HIGHWAY THROUGH COUNTY.

BONDS WILL BE ISSUED AT ONCE

Disbursement of Money Will Give County Magnificent System of Public Roads.

After numerous consultations, confabs and conferences, the commissioners of the several different road taxing districts throughout the county have at last united upon a plan for improving the public roads and have agreed to ask the board of supervisors to issue bonds totaling \$173,000 for the purpose of undertaking and carrying on this work. The plan agreed upon contemplates that the first district shall furnish \$33,000, the second district \$50,000 and the fourth district \$40,000. While the second district will participate in the expenditure, however, none of the money will be disbursed within its confines, the entire amount being used to improve public roads in the first and fourth and fifth districts.

The second district has recently expended \$50,000 in bettering its roads, and the additional outlay of \$123,000 will make a total disbursement of \$173,000 on public highways in Lowndes county during the short space of a year.

The proposed expenditure will not only complete the route of the Jackson Highway through Lowndes county, but will complete the county's good roads system, and in agreeing to share the expense of construction in outlying territory the members of the local district displayed commendable wisdom, for Columbus is included in their jurisdiction, and whatever helps the county at large will naturally bring beneficial results to the capital and chief city.

Of the \$50,000 to be furnished by the second district, the first district will receive \$20,000, the fourth district \$15,000, and the fifth district \$15,000. The \$20,000 apportioned to the first district will be used in completing the Military road which forms a part of the route of the Jackson Highway, from the corporate limits of the city to the Alabama state line, and to improve the Wolf road. On the west side of the Tombigbee river the newly constructed rock road, which also forms a part of the official route of the Jackson Highway, will be carried on from the point where it now ends, which is five miles southwest of Columbus, via the plantation of Mr. Cary Cooke and Old Charity church to the Nuxubee county line. The Macon road will be improved to the line dividing the fourth and fifth districts, from which point commissioners from the fourth district will continue the improvement to the county line, and the Gilmer road will likewise be put in first class shape. Commissioners of the Artesia and Bent Oak, and thence to Richard's store, where it will connect with the Jackson Highway, thus completing the good roads system of the county and giving all roads not only with connection to the national thoroughfare which is to be constructed in honor of "Old Hickory," but with the good roads systems of surrounding counties.

A committee consisting of Messrs. T. J. Locke, Jr., R. R. Banks, Irvin Kaufman, S. B. Street, Jr., and J. B. Love, has during the past few days been circulating a petition requesting the board of supervisors to make provision for the issuance of the bonds and similar petitions are being circulated in the outlying districts by other committees. These petitions are being liberally signed and the issuance of the proposed bonds is practically assured.

Bank to be Liquidated. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 29.—The Jefferson County bank, with a capital of half a million dollars, failed to open its doors Friday morning. Notice posted on the door announced that the institution had been taken over for liquidation.

Read the advertisements in the Commercial this morning.

In the Caucasus the Russians claim further successes with the capture of large quantities of arms. South of Lake Urumia in Persia, the Russians claim to have defeated the Turks also, in which many prisoners and supplies were taken.